

1 - Mr. O'Connor
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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

July 27, 1983

BY COURIER

Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

In accordance with your request for a name check on Robert W. Greene attached are the results of a check of records at FBI Headquarters.

There is also attached a memorandum setting forth additional information which has come to our attention.

Checks have been made with all field divisions, the United States Attorney's Office where Mr. Greene resides and logical organized crime sources. Except for the attached, no additional pertinent information was developed as a result of these checks.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Revell
Assistant Director
Criminal Investigative Division

Enclosures (5)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1983

(Date)

TO: FBI, LIAISON
FROM: FRED F. FIELDING
SUBJECT: FBI Investigations

Subject's Name GREENE, ROBERT W. (SS# 108-20-9843)
Date of Birth July 12, 1929 Place of Birth New York, New York
Present Address 4 Ardmore Place, Kings Park, New York 11754

We request: _____ Copy of Previous Report
 X _____ Name Check
 _____ Full Field Investigation NO IRS TO FBI
 _____ Limited Update

The person named above is being considered for:

_____ White House Staff Position
 X _____ Presidential Appointment

Attachments:

_____ SF 86 1 2
_____ SF 87, Fingerprint Card

Remarks/Special Instructions:

PLEASE EXPEDITE.

"ATTACHED FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORD
WHICH MAY BE IDENTIFIABLE WITH THE
SUBJECT OF YOUR NAME CHECK REQUEST."

In response to your request
there are attached enclosures
which may relate
to the subject of your inquiry.

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APPROPRIATE COMPUTER DATA BASES CONTAIN
NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

JULY 22, 1983

ROBERT W. GREENE

Captioned individual, also known as Robert William Greene, who you advised was born July 12, 1929, at New York, New York, and holds Social Security Number 108-20-9843, was the subject of an investigation by this Bureau in 1957. Enclosed is one copy of an FBI summary memorandum dated June 21, 1971, concerning this investigation.

Enclosed is one copy of FBI Identification Division Record Number 955 361 B concerning Robert William Greene, which record may relate to the captioned individual.

The central files at FBI Headquarters, the records of the Identification Division and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information concerning the captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

Enclosures (2)

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June 21, 1971

ROBERT W. GREENE

Captioned individual, who you advised is employed by "Newsday" and resides in the New York area, may be identical with Robert William Greene born on either July 12, 1927, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, or July 12, 1929, in Jamaica, New York. He was the subject of an investigation conducted by this Bureau during 1957.

This investigation was conducted on the basis of a request from the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Improper Activities in the Labor and Management Field, since Greene was then serving as an investigator for the Committee. The request grew out of charges made by the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy that Greene, on leave of absence from "Newsday," had been indicted on charges of subornation of perjury and that the charges were dismissed after the death of the material witness who had accused Greene of attempting to get him to testify to false information in a hearing being conducted by the New York City Crime Commission.

It was ascertained that on July 1, 1952, Greene and two other individuals were charged by the Prosecutor, Hudson County, New Jersey, with conspiracy to criminally defame and scandalize John V. Kenny, the then Mayor of Jersey City, New Jersey. They were indicted on December 5, 1952, entered not guilty pleas on December 10, 1952, and the indictment was nolle prossed on September 23, 1953. It was alleged that Greene and his associates had concocted a plan whereby Frank "Biffo" DeLorenzo, reported nefarious water front character, was to give false testimony regarding Kenny before the New York City Crime Commission. The Hudson County Assistant Prosecutor advised the case would have gone to trial had DeLorenzo not died on January 6, 1953.

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Robert W. Greene

The former Executive Director of the Commission stated there was no question in his mind that the indictment of Greene and the others was politically inspired. He added that DeLorenzo was one of Greene's sources of information and that he had persuaded Greene to attempt to get DeLorenzo to appear as a witness before the Commission.

The attorney representing Greene in this action stated he thought politics was involved from both sides in this litigation.

Attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number 955 361 B, which may be identical with Greene.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

JUL 21 1983

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Jersey City New Jersey	Robert William Greene 38946	December 10, 1952	Conspiracy	Pending
<p>SINCE NEITHER FINGERPRINTS NOR AN IDENTIFYING NUMBER WHICH IS INDEXED IN OUR FILES ACCOMPANIED YOUR REQUEST, FBI CANNOT GUARANTEE IN ANY MANNER THAT THIS MATERIAL CONCERNS THE INDIVIDUAL IN WHOM YOU ARE INTERESTED.</p>				

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The following information from FBI record, NUMBER 955 361 B
is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

All descriptive factors (if any) furnished by you match
those in our identification file unless herein quoted.

Description and Related Data:

Race: White

Sex: Male

Height: 6 feet

Weight: 188 pounds

Hair: Black

Eyes: Blue

Date and Place of Birth: July 12, 1929 Jamaica, New York

Scars and Marks: Unknown

Address: (in 1955) 82 Ridge Lane Levittown (as on prt rec June 22, 1955)

Occupation: Unknown

Social Security: Unknown

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New York

An article appeared in the Washington Post Magazine, October 26, 1980, in which Robert Greene of "Newsday" supposedly proposed an autobiography of Melvin Weinberg, prominent figure in the Abscam investigation. In this supposed book Weinberg would reveal details and new facts about the investigation. Mr. Greene later stated that this article was not totally accurate and was used solely to interest publishers in the planned book.

Also attached hereto is a copy of a "Long Island Newsday" newspaper article dated July 20, 1965, concerning Mr. Greene.

Del Mastro to Testify On GOP-Mob Charges

By Ray Larsen and Art Bergmann

Riverhead — Commack businessman John Del Mastro, pal of Cosa Nostra hoodlums who was accused before the Suffolk grand jury yesterday of being a link between the underworld and the Suffolk Republican Committee during the past two years, was scheduled to testify today under a waiver of immunity.

The Suffolk grand jury is investigating charges of possible underworld influence upon the county GOP executive committee. The charges were made by Assistant District Attorney Charles T. Matthews, a Republican who is running as the Democratic candidate for district attorney.

The jury heard almost a score of witnesses yesterday. Del Mastro, who refused to sign a waiver of immunity and to testify early yesterday but later reconsidered his stand, and Long Island labor boss William DeKoning Jr. were both scheduled to be called today.

At yesterday's seven-hour session, the third held in the past two weeks to inquire into Matthews' allegations, 18 witnesses testified under subpoenas requested by Republican District Attorney Smith and Matthews. The day-long session was highlighted by (1) a charge by Matthews, corroborated by witnesses, that Smith violated grand jury secrecy two weeks ago by revealing testimony to newsmen and to a GOP public relations man, (2) a grand jury rejection of Matthews' demand that Smith be barred from the session while Matthews was questioning witnesses, and (3) charges by two witnesses establishing Del Mastro as a pal of top hoodlums and the statement by one of the two witnesses that Del Mastro is an underworld link with the Suffolk GOP.

The testimony concerning Del Mastro's connections in yesterday's grand jury session came from Nonnan Levy, head of the Nassau district attorney's racket squad, and Robert Greene, a Newsday reporter. Although Levy refused later to disclose the substance of his testimony, it was learned earlier that in 1963, Del Mastro had admitted to him friendships and associations with Cosa Nostra hoodlums during a Nassau inquiry into mob-

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William DeKoning Jr. is seen yesterday with his attorney, E. Kenneth K. ...

... eye-brow and ... smiles before grand jury ...

Suffolk Jury Set to Hear Del Mastro

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attempts to take over Long Island or operations. Del Mastro refused in 53 to waive immunity and was barred from testifying before a Nassau grand jury during the union take-over.

Greene, who spent two hours and 22 minutes answering questions put to him by Matthews, Smith and members of the member grand jury panel, charged that Del Mastro had tried unsuccessfully in 53 to push Smithtown attorney Joseph Grazio into a Suffolk District Court judgeship; had openly backed Republican District Court Judge Ernest Signorelli, and had backed Babylon lawyer Kenneth K. Rohl for this year's GOP choice for district attorney before Rohl dropped out of consideration in favor of George J. Aspinella, a Babylon lawyer.

Greene testified that in the past, Del Mastro had admitted to him meetings with Thomas (Three-Fingers Brown) Lucchese, Cosa Nostra crime boss, of Atlantic City; Cosa Nostra Caporegime, John

Bicelli, Cosa Nostra labor specialist Joseph Pizzor, Michael Miranda, underboss of the Cenovese Cosa Nostra "family," and other major hoodlums.

"I testified to a meeting with Arthur Cromarty (Suffolk GOP leader) at his home six weeks ago, during which I showed him certain material concerning Kenneth Rohl, who intended to run for district attorney," Greene said later. Greene said he told the grand jury that Cromarty had told him that Babylon Town GOP Leader Robert Curcio was holding meetings "fairly frequently" with Del Mastro.

Greene said he told the grand jury that Cromarty told him six weeks ago that he often met with DeKoning. Cromarty was quoted by Greene as saying that "he (De Koning) represents a powerful force in politics in both Nassau and Suffolk Counties." Greene said he told the jury that Cromarty was forced by Bruce Pearsall, GOP leader of Oyster Bay, to drop his backing of a DeKoning union official, James Caples of Amityville, on the threat of a primary fight.

Greene said he told the jury, in answer to queries, that he had learned that the headquarters for the Western Suffolk District Court system in Commack was owned by Indian Head Associates Inc., which is controlled by Ingrao and Frank Pesco. "Del Mastro's political spokesman in the town of Smithtown."

Asked his opinion of Del Mastro, Greene told the jury: "I felt that the pattern Del Mastro is following with respect to District Court judges, district attorney candidates and others is consistent with the pattern followed by front men for the mob throughout the country."

Del Mastro declined to sign a waiver at yesterday's morning session. After conferring with his lawyer, David J. Paullly of Staten Island, Del Mastro returned for the afternoon session and signed the waiver. But he was not called before the jury recessed shortly before 6 P.M.

Also left waiting to be called today was DeKoning, Suffolk Democratic Leader Lawrence Delancy, Republican Assistant District Attorney James Catterson Jr., former Smithtown GOP Leader Henry Weismann, Newsday Suffolk Editor Kirk Price and Thomas Renner, a Newsday

reporter. All were subpoenaed by either Smith or Matthews.

Yesterday's session began with the appearance of all of the Eastern Suffolk town GOP leaders, all of whom denied any knowledge of any underworld influence on the executive committee.

Rohl said after a brief appearance, "I just said that as far as I am concerned with these reckless charges, the most atrocious in my experience, that there should be a special place in Hell for Mr. Matthews." Rohl said he told the grand jury he had known Del Mastro for about 18 months, that he withdrew from the race for the GOP nod for district attorney because Curcio had "told me that he didn't think he could get me the necessary strength on the executive committee to put me over." Asked after his grand jury appearance if he discussed politics with Del Mastro at the June \$100-a-plate

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DALLAS INDICES CONTAIN NO FILE IDENTIFIABLE WITH ROBERT
W. GREENE, JULY 12, 1929, BUT CONTAIN A SERIAL REFERENCE TO
ROBERT GREENE, NO DOB INDICATED, IN FILE 89-43-5925, PAGE 3,
WHICH IS THE FILE CONCERNING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION, WHICH
FILE IS MAINTAINED AT FBIHQ AND NOT AVAILABLE DALLAS DIVISION.

DALLAS ELSUR FILES NEGATIVE RELATIVE TO ROBERT W. GREENE.

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A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK ISIS REPORT REVEALS THE BULK OF THE MATERIAL IS RELATED TO THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION, MATERIAL REVIEWED AND SUMMERIZED BELOW:

JUSTIN J. DINTINO IS MENTIONED AS HAVING ASSISTED WITH NEWARK ✓
FBI WITH THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION.

JOHN DUFFY IS MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH ABSCAM AND
IDENTIFIED AS AN ATTORNEY AND, THEREFORE, NOT IDENTICAL WITH [REDACTED] ✓
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ROBERT W. GREENE IS MENTIONED AS HAVING WRITTEN NEWSPAPER ✓
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PETER RODINO IS MENTIONED BY NAME BY INDIVIDUALS INVESTIGATED IN ABSCAM AS BEING AMENABLE TO ACCEPTING MONEY IN RETURN FOR INFLUENCING LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, CONGRESSMAN RODINO WAS NOT INDICTED IN THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION.

STRAM THURMOND IS MENTIONED NUMEROUS TIMES BY NAME BY INDIVIDUALS INVESTIGATED IN ABSCAM AS BEING AMENABLE TO ACCEPTING MONEY IN RETURN FOR PROPOSING/INFLUENCING LEGISLATION, HOWEVER, CONGRESSMAN THURMOND WAS NOT INDICTED IN THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION. ADDITIONALLY, ISIS REFERS TO A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR, FBI, TO SENATOR THURMOND STATING THAT THURMOND WAS NOT CONSIDERED A TARGET OF THE ABSCAM INVESTIGATION.

IS IDENTIFIED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS OFFICIAL ✓
DUTIES AS AN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY.

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EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS IS IDENTIFIED AS AN ATTORNEY AND HAVING ✓
REPRESENTED CONGRESSMAN JENRETTE.

CIFU INQUIRY

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A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK CIFU INDICES REVEALS THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN A NEWARK CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, NUMBER 2544, AND FRANK A. CAPELL, IN WHICH SENATOR STROM THURMOND'S NAME WAS MENTIONED. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SENATOR WAS REVEALED DURING THIS CONVERSATION.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK CIFU INDICES REVEALS INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEW YORK CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES IN WHICH COMMUNICATIONS REVEAL THAT EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS WAS THE ATTORNEY FOR JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA. NO SPECIFIC DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS WAS REVEALED DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS.

ELSUR, INQUIRY

A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK ELSUR INDICES REVEALS INFORMATION DATED MAY 4, 1966, DURING WHICH TIME BOB GREENE, A "NEWSDAY" NEWSPAPER REPORTER, WAS SEEKING INFORMATION TO CONFIRM A STORY HE HAD HEARD THAT, "GOVERNMENT AGENTS WERE GOING THROUGH CERTAIN GARBAGE AT A DUMP IN SYOSSET, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK." NO SPECIFIC

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DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING BOB GREENE WAS REVEALED DURING THIS CONVERSATION.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEW YORK ELSUR INDICES, DATED DECEMBER 2, 1965, REVEALED THAT PETER RODINO WAS IDENTIFIED IN A CONVERSATION AS A NEW JERSEY CONGRESSMAN. NO SPECIFIC DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING PETER RODINO WAS REVEALED DURING THAT CONVERSATION.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK ELSUR INDICES REVEALS THAT ON JUNE 15, 1969, SENATOR STROM THURMOND'S NAME WAS MENTIONED IN A CONVERSATION WHICH WAS NOT DEROGATORY IN ANY NATURE TO THE SENATOR. THE CONVERSATION CONCERNED A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE WHICH WAS OF NATIONAL CONCERN AND DEBATE AT THAT TIME.

GENERAL INDICES

A REVIEW OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL INDICES REVEALED INFORMATION SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIABLE WITH ROBERT W. GREENE, EUGENE HILBURN METHVIN AND CHARLES H. ROGOVIN, NONE OF WHICH INFORMATION WAS

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DEROGATORY IN ANY NATURE TO THESE INDIVIDUALS. THESE INDICES REFERENCES RELATE TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, ALL OF WHICH ARE COMPLEMENTARY IN NATURE.

A CHECK OF THE NEW YORK GENERAL INDICES ON PETER RODINO REVEALED THAT CONGRESSMAN PETER RODINO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NEWARK 58 CLASSIFICATION INVESTIGATION. ALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CONGRESSMAN PRIMARILY INVOLVED REQUEST TO THE CONGRESSMAN IN HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES TO ASSIST IN IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE APPLICATIONS. NONE OF THIS INFORMATION WAS SPECIFICALLY DEROGATORY IN NATURE TO THE CONGRESSMAN.

INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEW YORK GENERAL INDICES REVEALED NUMEROUS REFERENCES IDENTIFIABLE WITH EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS WHICH PRIMARILY CONCERNED WILLIAMS' LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING VITO GENOVESE, JAMES RIDDLE HOFFA, FRANK COSTELLO AND ANTHONY GROSSO. THE INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH WILLIAMS DID NOT REVEAL ANYTHING SPECIFICALLY DEROGATORY IN NATURE TO WILLIAMS.

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